

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A receiving apparatus comprising:
receiving means for receiving broadcast content;
guide information producing means for producing guide
information on the broadcast content and for outputting the
guide information to a display device;
relevant information acquisition means for acquiring,
via a network, relevant information on an operation for
receiving the broadcast content by the receiving means; and
control means for controlling the guide information
producing means so as to change a display mode of the guide
information in accordance with the relevant information
acquired by the relevant information acquisition means.
2. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the relevant information comprises information required for
receiving a predetermined type of broadcast content from
among a plurality of types of broadcast content, and
wherein the control means controls the guide
information producing means so as to display guide
information on the predetermined type of broadcast content.
3. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein
the relevant information is a software module for receiving

the predetermined type of broadcast content.

4. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the plurality of types of broadcast content are distributed from respective types of media.

5. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the plurality of types of broadcast content include television broadcast content that is distributed via television broadcast waves and streaming broadcast content that is distributed via the network, and
wherein the receiving means comprises at least one tuner for receiving the television broadcast waves and communication connection means for connecting to the network.

6. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the control means detects the type of broadcast content that is receivable by the receiving means on the basis of the relevant information, and
wherein the control means controls the guide information producing means so as to change the display mode of the guide information in accordance with the detected results.

7. A receiving apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving broadcast content; relevant information acquisition means for acquiring, via a network, relevant information on an operation for selecting the broadcast content by the receiving means; and control means for changing a function of the operation for receiving the broadcast content performed by the receiving means in accordance with the relevant information acquired by the relevant information acquisition means.

8. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the control means changes search functions for a plurality of the broadcast content in accordance with the relevant information.

9. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the control means changes a reservation function for receiving the broadcast content in accordance with the relevant information.

10. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 7, further comprising selecting means for selecting desired relevant information from among a plurality of the relevant information, wherein the relevant information acquisition means acquires relevant information selected by the selecting means.

11. A receiving apparatus comprising:
receiving means for receiving television broadcasts;
communication means for receiving streaming broadcasts
via a network;
guide information producing means for producing guide
information for displaying a program guide for television
broadcast programs and a program guide for streaming
broadcast programs on the same screen; and
outputting means for outputting to a display device
image data on the television broadcasts, image data on the
streaming broadcasts, and the guide information.

12. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 11,
further comprising:
selecting means for selecting a desired program using
the guide information displayed on the display device; and
control means for controlling the receiving means, the
communication means, and the outputting means so as to
output image data on a program selected by the selecting
means to the display device.

13. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 11,
wherein the guide information producing means produces guide
information for displaying the television broadcast programs

and the streaming broadcast programs in the same format in one program list.

14. A receiving apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising selecting means for selecting a desired program by moving a cursor image for selecting a display area from among a plurality of program display areas in the program list between display areas of the television broadcast programs and display areas of the streaming broadcast programs.

15. A method for receiving broadcast content, comprising:

a guide information producing step of producing guide information on the broadcast content and of outputting the guide information to a display device;

a relevant information acquiring step of acquiring, via a network, relevant information on an operation for receiving the broadcast content by receiving means; and

a controlling step of controlling guide information producing means so as to change a display mode of the guide information in accordance with relevant information acquired by relevant information acquiring means.

16. A method for receiving broadcast content,

comprising:

a relevant information acquiring step of acquiring, via a network, relevant information on an operation for selecting the broadcast content; and

a controlling step of changing a function of the operation for receiving the broadcast content in accordance with the relevant information acquired in the relevant information acquiring step.

17. A method for receiving television broadcasts by receiving means and for receiving streaming broadcasts by communication means via a network, comprising:

a guide information producing step of producing guide information for displaying a program guide for television broadcast programs and a program guide for streaming broadcast programs on the same screen; and

an outputting step of outputting to a display device image data on the television broadcasts, image data on the streaming broadcasts, and the guide information.